

## LIFTED UPON AN ICEBERG.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DESTRUCTION OF THE STEAMER PORTLAW.

An Iceberg Breaks and a Fragment Under the Steamer Lifts Her from the Water — The Swirling Sea Carries Her Off.

HARBOUR, Aug. 5.—The steamer Portlawa just arrived here from St. John's, N. F., had a very narrow escape from destruction on her way from Piley's Island. On July 30, when near Fogo Head, a huge iceberg was noticed dead ahead. The steamer sailed close alongside of it, and while passing the glittering mass a terrible report was heard, which shook the ship, and the berg broke into three pieces, each piece going under the water with a roar and crash like thunder.

The steamer had run up on the third piece, which tipped over, holding her for a while clear out of the water. For a time it looked to all on board as though sudden death was inevitable but in a moment the sea, which had hitherto been as placid as a millpond, suddenly became a surging mass. This driving sea rushed down upon the Portlawa and lifted her off the ice into the water. On examining the cabin it was found that stanchions of the saloon had been dashed to pieces, and the under-girders of the dining-table smashed. Capt. Ash was at his post on the bridge at the time of the accident.

After the report he saw a third of the berg tip over and slowly rise from the water. The engines were stopped, and this order had not been given before the steamer would have gone down when lifted from the ice by the sea. The excitement among the passengers was intense. The captain and the saloon had been shattered, and the passengers were kept cool. The terrified passengers grew calmer, and almost immediately afterward the Portlawa was in clear water again. The berg had however been so far damaged and a portion of the forward apartment was flooded.

The passengers speak in the highest terms of the steamer, which was highly complimented by Capt. Ash, who was a member of the Greenly expedition. The passengers presented the Captain with an address, and the crew with a box of tobacco, in return for which the ice-berg broke. He informed the reporter to-day that he was startled by lumps of ice coming through a port hole into his room.

LAST—JANET.

Baltimore and Boston Parish Bride and Groom for a Quiet Morning Wedding.

Thomas G. Iasiel, the son of a Greek merchant of Boston, and Miss Alice Moore Janney, daughter of Thomas Janney of Baltimore, were married yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in West Twenty-third street. The ceremony was performed by Father Gaston Septier in the vestry of the church. The bride wore a gown of white tulle, and wore a silver band with a jewelled star around her forehead, and a pearl necklace with a diamond clasp. The bridesmaids were Miss Conner, the daughter of Capt. Conner of the St. James Hotel, and Miss Ethel Janney, the sister of the bride. The bride's parents, Miss Katie Montague, of Baltimore, Mrs. Van Bibber of Baltimore, Thomas Janney, brother of the bride, and Mr. James Sykes of Baltimore.

The wedding breakfast was held at the St. James Hotel. The couple should be peath a formal ball and were blessed by Father Pratt before the meal. There were present: Dr. J. C. H. Morris, Dr. W. H. Chapman, A. Morris, and Chapman Hyatt of New Orleans; Capt. Conner and Mrs. Conner; Miss Janney, the brother and sister-in-law of the groom, and Albert Inglis, a younger brother of the groom.

The couple first met at Moosehead City, N. C., it was the original intention to have the wedding at the St. James Hotel, and the bride's father suggested that they go to New Orleans for permission to have it performed there. The Cardinal replied that the rules of the Church prohibited a marriage ceremony outside of a church, and the couple then went to Harvard College. Mr. Janney is a retired banker, and is a member of the Maryland and Athenaeum Clubs in Baltimore. The bride and groom will sail for Europe to-day on the Martha.

Helped the Convicts to Escape.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Cain Durett, a negro who escaped with a lot of other prisoners from the custody of the State penitentiary of Kentucky in 1854, was captured here to-day. He was serving a sentence for grand larceny. He told the story of his escape:

"One morning," said he, "a gang of us were sent out in the woods to cut timber. The morning was dark and the woods were thick. If any of us escaped the prison contractor would be looking the other way. About fifteen murderers, thieves, and bad robbers took the hint and got away. We were the only ones left. The men, but a good many of them got away. The next day Banister, the contractor, had a stroke of blindness and died. For days he lay away, and finally Banister had to go home."

The Kentucky authorities were notified by telegraph, and the contractor sent a force to help catch Cain. They were told that Cain was staying in this city for a year, and apparently leading an honest life.

Justified for Killing His Wife's Betrayer.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 5.—The Coroner's inquest in the case of W. H. Ahrens, who was shot by T. D. Jones at Ten Mile Hill on Sunday last, rendered a verdict to-day of justifiable homicide. Some evidence was brought out which had not yet appeared in print. Mrs. Green in her testimony on Sunday swore that she was not in the room in which Ahrens was shot. J. C. Dowdy, the pump tender at the hill, testified after the shooting he went with Green and Mrs. Green to the house of a dead man. Both requested him to go. In the room Mrs. Green told the witness that she had been in the room when Ahrens was shot, but had gone to bed at that night, but had sat in a rocking chair beside the couch on which Ahrens was lying when Green shot him. It was also proved that Ahrens was in his night clothes when shot. Very little surprise is expressed at the verdict.

IOWA Democrats.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, Aug. 5.—The Democratic State convention, held in Cedar Rapids to-morrow, and it bids fair to prove a lively occasion. There is still uncertainty as to the choice of candidates for State offices. Representative Woods of Webster county seems to be in the lead for State Auditor, and as far as known, there is no chance from the outline of the platform two weeks ago. The nomination of Major Anderson in the Eighth district for Congress is still uncertain. The people are in a state of suspense, there being no opposition.

It has been generally understood that there is an Anti-Slavery Colony League in this State, with Charles W. Curtis as its president. Circulars and petitions have been sent to every colored man in the State, urging them to vote for the Anti-Slavery ticket against pro-slavery. A convention was called to meet in Dubuque on Friday, but the Executive Committee decided to postpone the meeting till September.

Lawyers to Defend Burchell.

WORCESTER, Ont., Aug. 5.—A telegram has been received from G. T. Blackstock of Brighton, England, signifying his intention of accepting a retainer for the defence in the Burchell case. Besides Mr. Blackstock and Hulmhill &amp; Lyons of London, Finkley, McKay &amp; McMillan, a leading local law firm, have been engaged. Mr. Finkley, of the firm of Finkley &amp; Co., Toronto, who is also watching the case for the defence, is in town and will remain until after the trial, which will take place next month.

Perils of Fishermen.

CANO. N. S., Aug. 5.—The schooner Samuel B. Case of Gloucester, from the Grand Banks, reported that on July 20 two of her crew, Alexander and Port Hood, had been drowned in the sinking of an overloaded dory. The same vessel was in J. Sullivan's Canoe and P. Paul Gloucester, who were picked up astern in the fog.

A Swindler With Forged Orders for Books.

A swindler has been visiting publishers in this city and staining books by means of forged orders, which are to be paid in advance, and are usually for valuable books. Yesterday he came to the office of J. M. Davis &amp; Son, and presented an order signed by R. Morris of 178 Broadway, calling for three copies of a recently issued book. Not recognizing either the handwriting or the signature, the swindler was allowed to deliver the books without an investigation. The order was filled, and when pronounced in a forged name, it was discovered to be a forged name, high check books, and black manuscript.

The Thaw Newsweek Creek.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors in Brooklyn yesterday the Committee on Roads was instructed to consider the expediency of constructing a tunnel under Gowanus Creek to connect Brooklyn with Long Island. Several people in the neighborhood are in favor of the tunnel project.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Aug. 6.  
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